participating in the international trade fairs/exhibitions, adoption of Bar Coding, etc. The total outlay proposed under the MDA Programme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 48 crore.

(c) In view of the varying definition of MSME's in different countries, no comparative data on consumption of products produced by the MSME's is available.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Release of grant under Small Industrial Cluster Development Programme

105. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted two proposals under Small Industries Cluster Development Programme for sanction and the release of Central grant for the same; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and by when Central approval and financial assistance are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has approved proposals of Hubli-Dharwad Auto Cluster and Food Cluster, Gulbarga for assistance under Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), earlier known as Small Industries Cluster Development Programme (SICDP). The details of both the proposals are provided in the Statement to this reply (*See* below). The administrative approvals for setting up of Common Facility Centres (CFCs) for both the proposals have already been issued and the Government of India (GoI) grant will be released after the confirmation regarding the contribution of State Government and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and completion of necessary infrastructure.

For Soft Interventions (eg. capacity building, training, etc.) Rs. 5.25 lakh. and Rs. 60,000 have already been released for Hubli-Dharwad Auto Cluster, Hubli and Food Cluster, Gulburga, respectively.

Statement

Details of the proposals submitted by Karnataka State Government

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Proposal	Soft Intervention (capacity building, training, etc.		Hard Intervention (setting up of common facility centre)	
1	2	3		4	
1.	Hubli Dharwad Auto Cluster	Project cost :	12.60	Project cost :	485.00
		GoI assistance :	10.00	GoI assistance :	339.50
		Contribution of SPV:	2.60	Govt. of Karnataka :	97.00
				Contribution of SPV :	48.50

1		2	3	4	
2.	Food Cluster for Women Entre-preneurs in Gulburga	Project cost :	7.00	Project cost :	23.00
		GoI assistance :	6.30	GoI assistance :	15.70
		Contribution of SPV:	0.70	Govt. of Karnataka :	5.00
				Contribution of SPV :	2.30

Closure of SSIs due to rise in prices of metals

†106. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase of 30-50 per cent in the prices of metals during last few months;

(b) whether, as a result of this, some small scale industries are on the verge of shutting down;

(c) the percentage of decrease in the production of these industries during last six months;

(d) whether concerned industrial organizations have apprised Government of their concerns; and

(e) whether special efforts are being made to provide relief to these small enterprises operating throughout the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been an increase in price of ferrous metal to the extent of 30-50%, non-ferrous metal 11-12% in recent past. However, since May 2008, as per information available, there has been no increase in prices.

(b) and (c) No Sir. Government has no such information/data.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Union Government has made efforts to provide relief to the small industry. These are as follows;

(i) Providing rebate @ Rs. 550/- tonne from Steel Development Fund (SDF) and Rs. 400/- tonne as transportation cost.

(ii) Price contracts to deliver materials, at least for three months, on mutual agreement.

(iii) Delivery of small quantities of steel to small-scale industries directly by producers.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.